

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) A placemat, comprising:
2 a placemat body including:
3 a major portion sized to completely underlie a place setting including a plate
4 and silverware; and
5 a coaster extension projecting from a peripheral edge of the major portion and
6 sized to completely underlie a beverage container.

- 1 2. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the size of the major portion is not
2 substantially larger than necessary to completely underlie a place setting.

- 1 3. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the coaster extension is integrally
2 formed with the major portion.

1 4. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a shape of the coaster extension is
2 consistent with a theme conveyed by a shape of the major portion.

1 5. (Original) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein any graphic content on the coaster
2 extension is consistent with a theme conveyed by graphic content on the major portion.

1 6. (Previously Presented) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the major portion has
2 a height of approximately 12–14 inches.

1 7. (Previously Presented) The placemat as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the major portion has
2 a width of approximately 18–24 inches.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the major portion has
2 a width of approximately 18–24 inches.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the minor portion
2 projects from an upper, right periphery of the major portion.

Please add the following new claims:

1 10. (Newly Added) A placemat, comprising:

2 a major body portion sized to completely underlie a place setting, the place setting consisting
3 of a plate and utensils; and

4 a coaster extension projecting from a peripheral edge of the major body portion and sized to
5 completely underlie a beverage container,

6 wherein the major body portion and the coaster extension are integrally formed.

1 11. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the placemat is reversible and
2 may be employed while resting on a first surface or while resting a second surface opposite the first
3 surface.

1 12. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the coaster extension projects
2 from an upper, right or upper right peripheral edge of the major body portion when the placemat rests
3 on a first surface and from an upper, left or upper left peripheral edge of the major body portion
4 when the placemat rests on a second surface opposite the first surface.

1 13. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the placemat is reversible, and
2 wherein,

3 when the placemat rests on a first surface, the coaster extension projects from position
4 between a center of an upper peripheral edge of the major body portion and a center of a right
5 peripheral edge of the major body portion, and

6 when the placemat rests on a second surface opposite the first surface, the coaster extension
7 projects from position between the center of the upper peripheral edge and a center of a left
8 peripheral edge of the major body portion.

1 14. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 10, wherein the major body portion has a
2 first shape and the coaster extension has a second shape.

1 15. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the second shape is identical
2 to but smaller than the first shape.

1 16. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the second shape is different
2 from but complementary to the first shape.

1 17. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first and second shapes are
2 common geometric shapes.

1 18. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first shape represents a first
2 object and the second shape represents a second object different from the first shape.

1 19. (Newly Added) The placemat according to claim 14, wherein the first and second shapes are
2 common geometric shapes.

20. (Newly Added) A reversible placemat, comprising:

a body adapted for use regardless of whether the placemat rests on either a first surface or a second surface opposite the first surface, the body including:

a first portion having a first shape and sized to completely underlie a place setting, the place setting consisting of a plate and utensils; and

a second portion having a second shape, projecting from a peripheral edge of the first portion and sized to completely underlie a beverage container,

wherein the second portion projects from an upper right peripheral edge of the first portion when the placemat rests on the first surface and from an upper left peripheral edge of the first portion when the placemat rests on the second surface.